GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:388
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ROITS IN GUJARAT
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of riots are still taking place in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the total number of sporadic riots incidents that took place between 1-5-2002 to 30-6-2002 and the names of places where these occurred alongwith the extent of losses of lives and property suffered in these incidents; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Some communal incidents of sporadic nature took place in Gujarat during the period under question.

`Public Order` and `Police` are the State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes as well as maintenance of data in this regard are the primary concerns of the State Governments.

(c): To prevent communal riots in the country the Union Government assists the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending alert messages, sending Central para-military Forces to the concerned State Governments on specific request including the composite Rapid Action force which has been created specially to deal with communal situations and in the modernization of the State Police Forces.In addition, the Union Government sends advisories and Guidelines in this regard from time to time. The activities of all organizations having a bearing on communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, wherever necessary.